

2. A spindle motor as claimed in claim 1 wherein the shaft is fixed and the sleeve and counterplate rotate relative to the shaft.
3. A spindle motor as claimed in claim 2 wherein the sleeve supports a hub for supporting a disc for rotation about the shaft.
4. A spindle motor as claimed in claim 1 wherein the shaft is free to rotate relative to the sleeve and counterplate.
5. A spindle motor as claimed in claim 4 wherein the sleeve and counterplate are fixed to a base which supports the motor.
6. A spindle motor as claimed in claim 5 wherein the shaft supports a hub for rotation over said base.
7. A spindle motor as claimed in claim 6 wherein the hub supports one or more discs for rotation.
8. (Amended) A spindle motor for use in a disc drive comprising a shaft supporting a thrust plate at one end thereof,  
a sleeve surrounding the shaft and adjacent the thrust plate and cooperating with the shaft to define a journal bearing and the thrust plate to define a fluid thrust bearing,  
a counterplate supported between upraised axial arms of said sleeve and located adjacent said thrust plate,  
means for containing fluid within the thrust bearing.
9. (Amended) A spindle motor as claimed in claim 1 wherein said counterplate and said thrust plate define the fluid dynamic thrust bearing and the means for containing fluid comprise a counterplate welded to the upraised arms.

Please add new claims 11 through 17

11. (New) A spindle motor for use in a disc drive comprising  
a shaft  
a sleeve surrounding the shaft cooperating with the shaft to define a  
journal bearing  
a counterplate welded to upraised axial arms of said sleeve and located  
adjacent said thrust plate to define a fluid dynamic thrust bearing,  
the welded counterplate adapted to contain fluid within the thrust bearing.
12. (New) A spindle motor as claimed in claim 11 wherein the shaft is fixed and the  
sleeve and counterplate rotate relative to the shaft.
13. (New) A spindle motor as claimed in claim 12 wherein the sleeve supports a hub  
for supporting a disc for rotation about the shaft.
14. (New) A spindle motor as claimed in claim 11 wherein the shaft is free to rotate  
relative to the sleeve and counterplate.
15. (New) A spindle motor as claimed in claim 14 wherein the sleeve and  
counterplate are fixed to a base which supports the motor.
16. (New) A spindle motor as claimed in claim 15 wherein the shaft supports a hub  
for rotation over said base.
17. (New) A spindle motor as claimed in claim 16 wherein the hub supports one or  
more discs for rotation.